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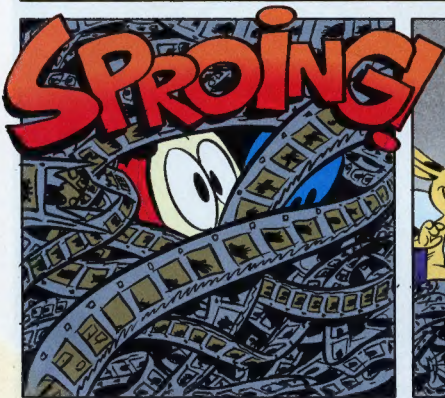
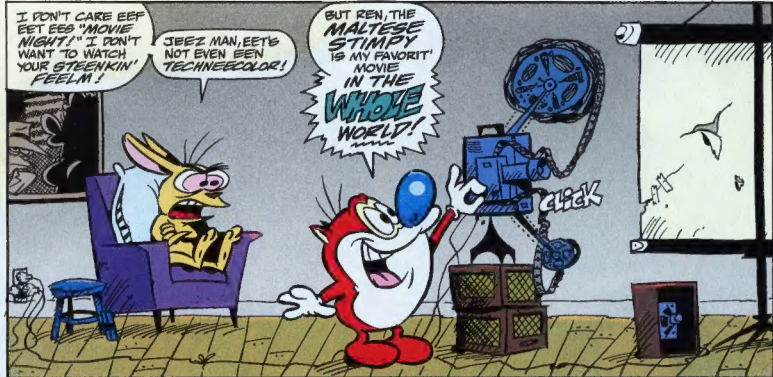
The REN & STIMPY Show™

DAMES--
THEY BRING ME
NOTHEENG BUT
TROUBLE....

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GRAB YER POPCORN,
GANG! HERE COMES
"the MALTESE
STIMPY!"



THE REN & STIMPY SHOW



I CURTIZ ST.

NAMES SPAYED.
SAM SPAYED.
I'M A PRIVATE
EYE.

AND LEETLE DEED I
KNOW, BUT ON THEES
DARK AND STORMY
NIGHT, I HAD A DATE
WEETH DEETWEEN.

BUT SHE WAS BUSY,
SO I SET UP A DATE
WEETH EENTRIGUE.

BUT YOU TRY GETTING
EENTRIGUE TO GO OUT
ON A WEEK NIGHT...

JUST HAVE TO
SETTLE FOR A
DATE WEETH
DANGER.

LOOK WHAT
YOU'VE
DONE TO MY
SHIRT!



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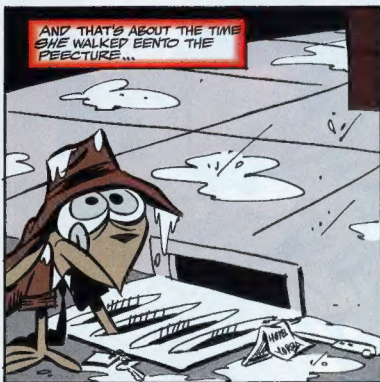
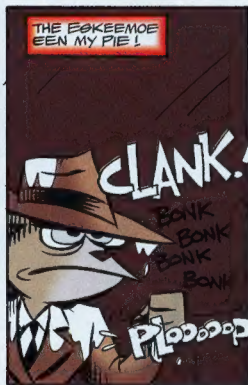
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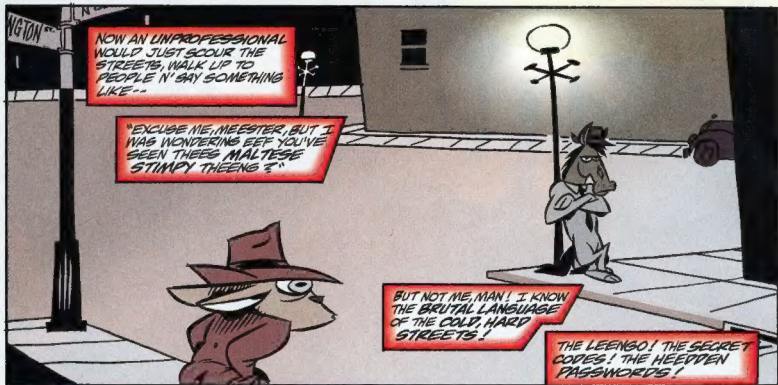
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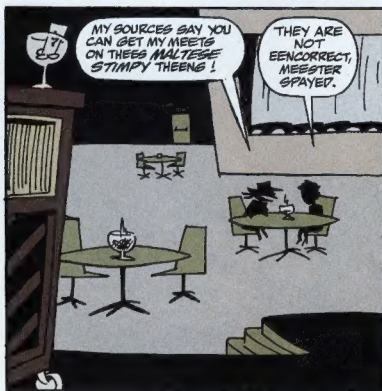
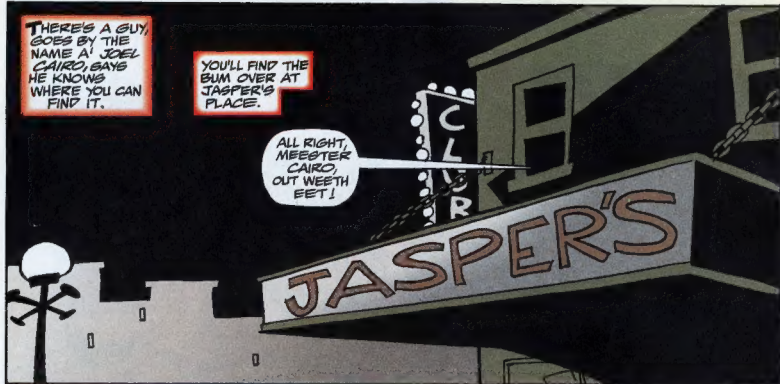








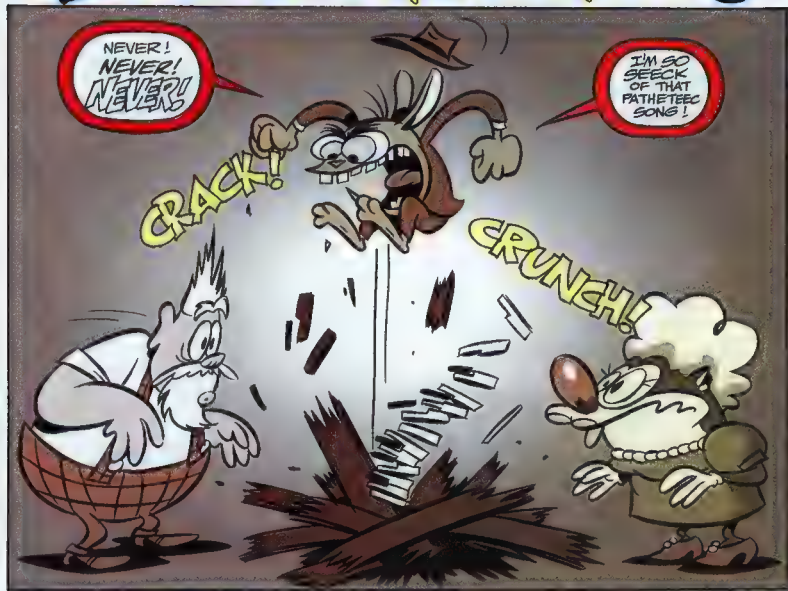


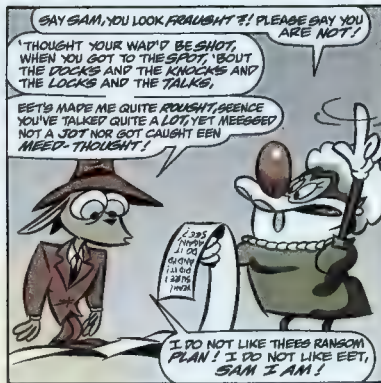
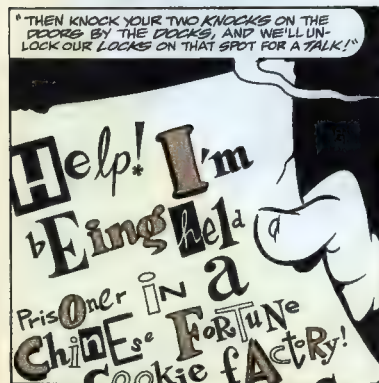




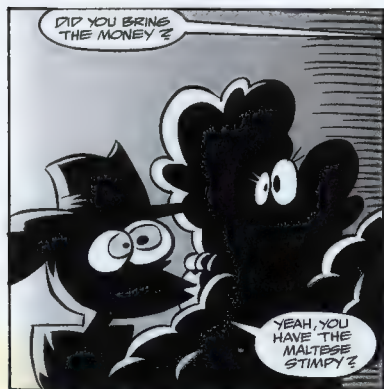


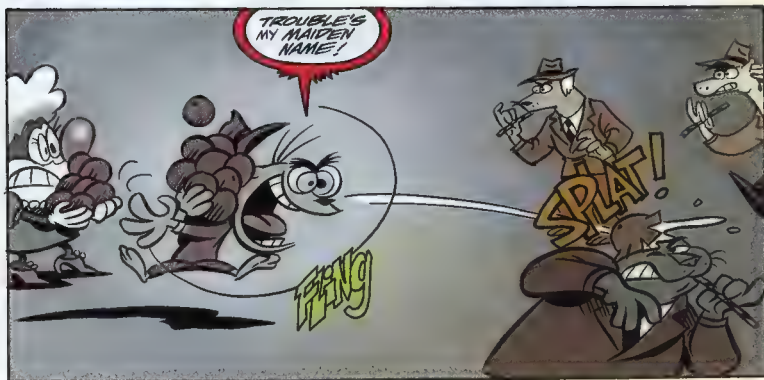
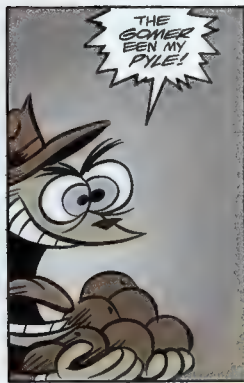
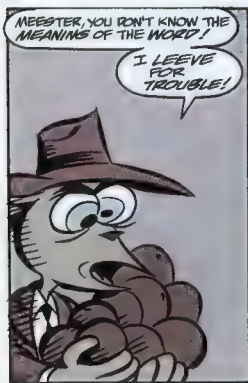
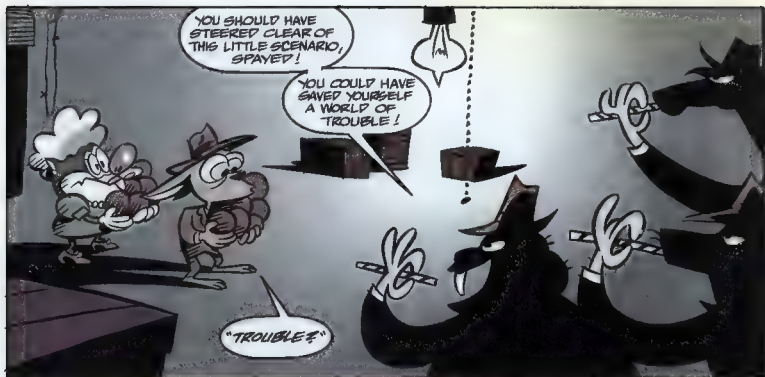
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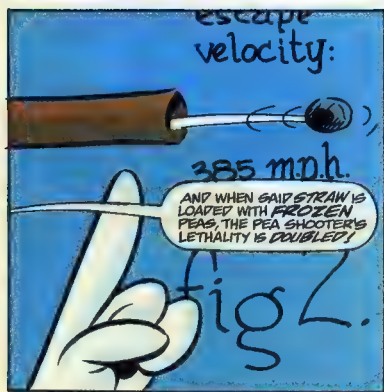














LATER, BACK
AT JASPER'S...

LOOK, DOLL, I
GOT YOU YOUR
STEENKING
MALTESE STIMPY
BACK FOR YAH!



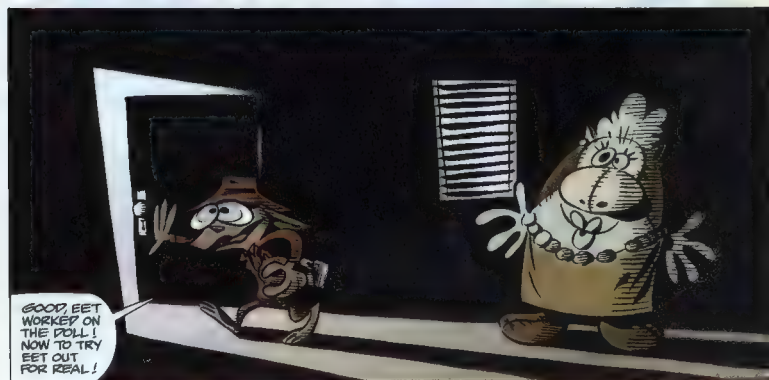
SO EET'S
ALL OVER
BETWEEN
US, DOLL.



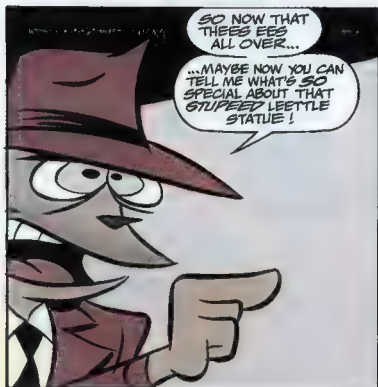
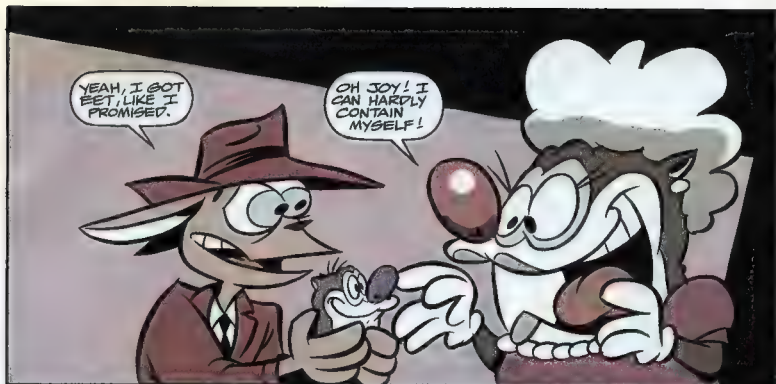
UN'ERSTAND,
DOLL? DO YOU
HEAR WHAT I'M
TELLING YOU?



GOOD, EET
WORKED ON
THE DOLL!
NOW TO TRY
EET OUT
FOR REAL!







BULLPEN BULLETINS



STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes!

Remember a long, long time ago when kids wanted to grow up and become policemen, firemen or cowboys? Well, judging by the way my mail keeps pouring in, it seems as if a whole kaboodle of young people now want to become comicbook writers! Even though I've written many columns over the years trying to explain how comics are written, we keep getting requests for more info!

Obviously, there's no way to clue you in to the whole ball of wax in the small space available here, but let's see if we can zero in on one of the most important facets of comicbook writing: in fact, it's one of the most important elements of any type of writing. I'm referring to something that's too often overlooked in the continual effort to squeeze action and excitement into every panel. That something is — characterization!

Look at it this way. Every writer wants his or her readers to care about the story. Well, in order to care about a story you have to care about the hero or heroine. And in order to care about them, you have to feel as if you know them. If something happens to a stranger, it won't affect you very much. But if that same thing happens to a friend, to someone you know well, then you really care about it. The same rule applies to stories. The more you feel you know the principal characters, the more the story touches you.

That's where characterization comes in. You've got to write dialogue that's believable, that sounds the way people really talk. You've got to make your fictional little repertory group react to situations the way people would in real life. In other words, you've got to strive for as much realism as possible in everything that's said or done. Sure, the plots may be far-out and fantastic, but the characters must be true to life.

I could go on and on, but DeFalco just whispered, "Cool it, Stan! What if one of our competitors reads this stuff and learns something?" Tommy's got a point, so that's it for now, gang. You take it from there!

Excelsior!

Stan Lee

Stan

I'm not a super hero, but I play one in the movies! Nobody actually said that, but we thought it would make a good opening line to our page dealing with a visit from **Alex Hyde-White**, who plays Reed Richards in the upcoming **FANTASTIC FOUR** movie!

It seems Alex bumped into **BARBIE** editor **Hildy Mesnik** at a boxing match, and Hildy invited "Mr. Fantastic" to come see how Marvels are created first-hand.



British-born Alex, 34, said he's "played some big parts in small films" in the past, including *Phantom of the Opera*, *Biggles*, and *Time Tracker*. He was also in *Pretty Woman* and played young Sean Connery in *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*! Although he has followed the FF comics somewhat, Alex said "I was particularly a fan of the **FANTASTIC FOUR** Hanna-Barbera cartoons of the sixties." Alex, who dyed his hair to play Reed, admitted that in his younger days, his favorite member of the team was actually **Johnny Storm**!

The FF movie features the origin of the team, their first battle with **Doctor Doom**, and the wedding of **Reed** and **Sue**. Alex had high praise for his co-stars in the movie, particularly **Joseph Culp** as **Doctor Doom**: "He has a heck of a good costume!" Alex referred to the FF comics for inspiration: "It was great to be able to draw on such a store of knowledge!" Alex described the FF movie as "extremely

faithful" to the comics, adding, "whenever there was a question of how to do something, the answer was always, 'Marvel wants it done this way!'"

Alex called **Reed Richards** "the best part I ever had. You couldn't beat it with a stick!" If the first movie does fantastic box office, Alex said "I would love to do more!" Alex says he particularly enjoyed the wedding scene with **Rebecca Staab**, who plays **Sue**. The FF movie is due on Labor Day from **Neue Constantin Films** and **Roger Corman's Concorde Films**.

One Marveloid who recently enjoyed a wedding scene of his own was **Mariano** ("I am not **Fabian's** brother, but I play one on TV") **Nicleza** of our **Promotions Department**. Mariano married the former **Annamarie Murphy** on March 6, after a courtship that the Big M said lasted "exactly five days!" (Apparently, once a gal has been married, she never goes back.) The best man was none other than Mariano's favorite brother, **X-MEN** and **NEW WARRIORS** writer **Fabian** himself!

Mariano's wedding was attended by more comic book legends than that of **Reed** and **Sue Richards**! As Mariano put it, "Everyone from the **Marvel Universe** was there!" Well, at least everyone from the **Marvel Marketing, Promo and Sales Departments**, as represented by **Mark Erickson**, **Jim Brennan**, **Craig Kunschick**, **Sven Larsen**, **Low Bank**, **Dean Rohasing**, **Skip Dietz**, and **Bruce Costa**. Others in attendance: editors **Bobbie Chase**, **Bob Harras**, and **Glenn Herdling**, artist **Kevin Maguire**, and our esteemed president **Terry Stewart**!

As long as we're dropping names, there are a few names we forgot to drop a while back. When we reported on people celebrating their fantastic five-year lunch with **Marvel**, a few of the names disappeared into the **Negative Zone**. So let's shoot some cosmic rays over to these titanic ten staffers: **Brian Mitchell**, **Bob Lazzara**, **Jackie Bess**, **Laura Tims**, **Marlyn Adams**, **Sheree Lincoln**, **Helen Hroncic**, **John Lewandowski**, **Monica Brown**, and **Joe Cuculoli**!

Sorry about the mix-up, gang! We'll send you all free tickets to the FF movie! Now, if you'll excuse us, we have to go catch a rocket launch...

HYPELINE: ON SALE THIS WEEK

- **2099 UNLIMITED #1**: Introducing **Hulk 2099**! Ain't he unglemonous?
- **AIRIGHT GARAGE #1 OF 4**: We're having an **Airright Garage** sale!
- **ALIEN LEGION: ONE PLANET AT A TIME #1 of 3**: The only outer space legion you'll ever need!
- **AVENGERS WEST COAST #96**: An **Infinity Crusade** crossover!
- **CABLE #3**: Cable and Kane spill beer and secrets!
- **CAGE #16**: Everybody wants to cross over with **Terror**!
- **CAPTAIN AMERICA #417**: It's a jungle out there with **Ka-Zar**, **Black Panther**, and **Terminus**!?
- **DAREDEVIL #318**: You begged for him — you got him: the **Stiltman**!
- **DARKHAWK #29**: Can Chris save his Dad from dying again?
- **DARKHAWK ANNUAL #2**: Wake up! Here comes **Dreamkiller**!
- **DARKMAN #4 of 6**: The hero who could be you — if he wanted to!
- **NAMOR #4**: The end of the **Atlantean Civil War**!
- **NIGHTSTALKERS #9**: With **Morbius** against **Slaughter** and **Stonecold**!
- **NOMAD #15**: The **Hatemonger** will hate you if you miss this issue!
- **ORIGINAL GHOST RIDER #13**: Take a gamble on **Roulette**!
- **PUNISHER: ORIGIN OF MICRO-CHIP #1 of 2**: Was it gamma rays — or something else?
- **REN & STIMPY #6**: The stuff that dreams are made of — the **Maltese Stampy**!
- **SHADOW RIDERS #2 of 4**: For those of you who miss **Team America**!
- **SHE-HULK #53**: This just in ... **She-Hulk is still dead**!
- **SPIDER-MAN 2099 #9**: You wouldn't believe how much the price of web fluid has gone up!
- **SPIDER-MAN CLASSICS #4**: Let's put our hands together for **Doe**!
- **Ock's debut!**
- **THUNDERSTRIKE #2**: With the power of the **Executioner's** blood-axe, **Thundy** battles **Juggernaut**!
- **UNCANNY X-MEN #302**: The **Upstart** return to start up trouble!
- **UNTIMED #2 of 3**: The **Kosareu** have taken out a contract on **Griff** and **Dani**. (Not to be confused with actor **Griffin Dunne**)!
- **WARLOCK CHRONICLES #1**: Retelling the origin of **Marvel's** golden boy!
- **WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #102**: We've almost reached the halfway point of **Total Carnage**!



